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SUBJ: HAUL-OFF EQUIPMENT FOR PIPE-LAYING SHIP

1. STANDARD TELEFON OG KABELFABRIK A/S (STK), NORWEGIAN SUBIDIARY OF INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CORP., SEEKS SUPPLIERS OF QUOTE CATERPILLARS UNQUOTE FOR PIPE-LAYING SHIP NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN FRANCE. CABLE-LAYING EQUIPMENT WITH WHICH STK ACQUAINTED IS UNSUITABLE. NEW ENGLAND BUTT COMPANY, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND (MR. LOUIS PERROTTA), SUPPLIER OF CATERPILLARS FOR CABLE MANUFACTURING, COULD SUGGEST ONLY ADRON DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING CO., LIVERPOOL. CAN DEPT OF COMMERCE SUGGEST LIKELY US SUPPLIERS (INCLUDING TELEX NUMBERS)? STK WANTS NO PUBLICITY AND WISHES TO INITIATE CONTACTS WITH PROSPECTIVE SUPPLIERS, SO TRADE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM UNSUITABLE. VALUE ESTIMATED AT ROUGHTLY HALF MILLION DOLLARS. SPEED IMPORTANT, FOR STK HOPES TO HAVE CATERPILLAR READY FOR INSTALLATION ABOUT APRIL 1, 1976.

2. OTHER DETAILS: PIPE WILL BE FLEXIBLE, PLASTIC CLAD, STEEL, UP TO 16 INCHES DIAMETER, WEIGHT UP TO 350 KILOS PER METER, TO WITHSTAND INTERNAL PRESSURE UP TO 1000 KILOGRAMS PER SQUARE CENTIMETER. MAY REQUIRE CATERPILLAR, OR SERIES OF CATERPILLARS, UP TO TWENTY METERS LONG, DEPENDING ON HOLDING FORCE, WHICH SHOULD NOT EXCEED TWO TONS PER METER, ASSUMING TWO OPPOSING BELTS USED. TOTAL PIPE WEIGHT FOR
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CATERPILLAR TO SUPPORT MAY BE TWENTY TONS.

3. WE ASSUME US FIRMS HAVE SUPPLIED SIMILAR EQUIPMENT
FOR LAYING NATURAL GAS PIPELINES IN GULF OF MEXICO
AND PRUDHOE BAY.
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